

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/603,094  
Applicant : Don J. DIAMOND  
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Examiner : Louise Wang Zhiying HUMPHREY  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

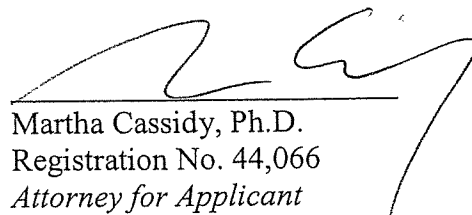
Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the above-identified patent application. An amendment with attached declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 was filed July 18, 2008 in response to a final rejection dated May 30, 2008, to meet the two-month deadline. However, no communication has been issued by the Office in response and Applicant therefore was forced to file a Request for Continued Examination to maintain the case, including extension of time fees.

Applicant respectfully requests the current status of the patent application in regard to whether an Advisory Action or Notice of Allowance will be issued in response to the July 18, 2008 filing, as soon as possible.

If further information is needed, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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